

Panama Canal Regulations

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Panama as soon as information is received that one of the preceding diseases is present or suspected of being present on a ship entering the Panama Canal.

[51 FR 21361, June 12, 1986, as amended at 62 FR 33748, June 23, 1997]

§ 61.155 Vessels; yellow fever.

(a) The following vessels shall be disinfected prior to their arrival in Panama Canal waters, and the master of the vessel shall certify to this effect on the maritime quarantine declaration presented to the Chief, Occupational Health Division upon arrival:

(1) An infected or suspected vessel as defined in § 61.226; or

(2) A vessel from an infected area; or,

(3) A vessel that has within 15 days left a port where the *Aedes aegypti* Index is reported as 1.0 or higher.

(b) The insecticide used and method or disinfecting shall be those prescribed by the Chief, Occupational Health Division.

(c) If the disinfecting required under paragraph (a) of this section is not carried out or if the Chief, Occupational Health Division finds live mosquitoes on board or otherwise determines that the vessel's own disinfecting was inadequate, the vessel shall be detained in quarantine at a mooring not less than 400 meters from shore until disinfected by communicable disease surveillance personnel, and persons other than such personnel shall not be allowed on board until disinfecting is completed.

(d) The Quarantine Office of the Government of Panama, upon request, will be provided complete information from the ship's required entry documents for specified vessel(s) which have either transited the Panama Canal or docked at a port of Panama.

(e) The disinfecting required under paragraph (a) of this section shall not be required when the index of *Aedes aegypti* in Panama exceeds the 1.0 index level established by the World Health Organization (WHO).

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§ 61.156 Vessels; disinfecting.

Vessels required to be disinfected under § 61.155 shall be disinfected as follows:

(a) The insecticide used shall be an aerosol of a type approved by the Chief, Occupational Health Division;

(b) The insecticide shall be dispensed in the amount to be determined by the Chief, Occupational Health Division and released or sprayed throughout all accessible compartments;

(c) The ventilating system shall be stopped and all openings to the exterior kept closed while the insecticide is being released or sprayed for a period of at least 15 minutes thereafter.

VESSELS SUBJECT TO COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE SURVEILLANCE INSPECTION

§ 61.171 General provisions.

(a) A vessel arriving in Panama Canal waters shall undergo communicable disease surveillance inspection prior to entry unless:

(1) In the current voyage the vessel has not touched at any port other than a port determined by WHO, the quarantine officer of the Government of Panama or the Centers for Disease Control of the United States Public Health Service to be in an area that is exempt from communicable disease surveillance; or

(2) In the current voyage the vessel has received pratique at a port of Panama or a port of the United States, and since receiving such pratique has met the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this section; or

(3) Pratique has been granted by a Chief, Occupational Health Division prior to the arrival of the vessel at the Panama Canal.

(b) A vessel otherwise exempt from inspection under the provision of paragraph (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section shall undergo communicable disease inspection prior to entering the Panama Canal if the vessel—

(1) Has on board, or during the current voyage has had on board, a person infected or suspected of being infected with any serious human or animal disease manifested by fever, diarrhea, skin rashes or other suspicious symptoms;

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(2) Arrives directly from a port where at the time of departure there was present or suspected of being present cholera, plaque, or yellow fever.

(3) Being exempt from inspection under the provisions of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, or arrival at the Panama Canal has on board a person who has been in a port or area which is not exempt from communicable disease surveillance within 14 days prior to such arrival; or,

(4) Being exempt from inspection under the provisions of paragraph (a)(1) or (3) of this section, on arrival at the Panama Canal has on board an animal or article that does not comply with the admission requirements contained in this part or prescribed by the Government of Panama.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) (2) and (3) of this section, a vessel having received pratique at a port of Panama or a port of the United States—

(1) Shall comply with any conditions and carry out any additional measures specified in the pratique; and

(2) May be required to undergo communicable disease surveillance inspection if the Chief, Occupational Health Division has reason to believe that the entry or departure of the vessel would be likely to cause the introduction of communicable disease.

§ 61.172 Exempt vessels subject to sanitary regulations.

A vessel which has been exempted from communicable disease surveillance inspection under § 61.171 shall nevertheless be subject to the provisions of §§ 61.241 through 61.244.

§ 61.173 Report of disease or rodent mortality on vessel during stay in port.

The master of a vessel which has entered the Panama Canal to dock in a port of Panama shall promptly report to the Chief, Occupational Health Division before re-entering the Panama Canal the occurrence of the following on the vessel during its stay in port:

(a) A known or suspected case of communicable disease included in the list or description in § 61.154.

(b) Unusual mortality or evidence of disease among rodents.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PANAMA CANAL

§ 61.191 Applicability.

The measures prescribed in §§ 61.192 through 61.201 shall be taken with respect to vessels which are subject to communicable disease surveillance inspection pursuant to §§ 61.171 and with respect to persons and things arriving on such vessels.

§ 61.192 Vessels; awaiting inspection.

(a) A vessel which must undergo communicable disease surveillance inspection prior to entry shall fly a yellow flag and, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, shall anchor in the prescribed anchorage and await inspection.

(b) If the vessel is to dock in a port of Panama, the Chief, Occupational Health Division, after reaching agreement with the port quarantine officer of the Government of Panama, may authorize the vessel to proceed to a point within the port to await further inspection.

(c) There will be no movement of any person or thing onto or from the vessel without the permission of the port quarantine officer of the Government of Panama pending communicable disease surveillance inspection by appropriate personnel.

§ 61.193 Maritime communicable disease surveillance declaration.

(a) Upon arrival of a vessel, her master shall complete and sign a maritime communicable disease surveillance declaration on the Panama Canal Commission Communicable Disease Surveillance Declaration form. This form is also referred to as the Ship Information and Quarantine Declaration (SIQD). The SIQD shall also be signed by the ship's surgeon if one is carried. The signed form shall be delivered to the Commission's boarding officer (admeasurer) when he boards the vessel. The original shall be retained in the Office of Admeasurement. Copies will be sent to the port quarantine officer of the Government of Panama and the Panamanian Ministry of Health. A copy shall be given to the master of the vessel as well.